Disputes about Principals of Secondary Schools in Uttar Pradesh

†2147. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending disputed cases regarding appointment of Principals of Secondary Schools in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether academic atmosphere in such schools is being affected due to such state of affairs; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to issue necessary guidelines/ instructions to managements of such schools, entangled in such troublesome State of affairs, and the concerned department of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Astrology and Vedic Mathematic

†2148. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased ot state:

(a) whether the subjects of Astrology and Vedic Mathematics have been included in the list of subjects of University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, whether any Experts Committee was constituted to prescribe these subjects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission (UGC), in its meeting held on 16th June, 2000 considered opening of the Department of Vedic Astrology in some Indian Universities. For working out the details of the scheme, the Commission constituted an Expert Committee. Based on its recommendations, the UGC selected 20 universities for starting of the B.A./M.A./Ph.D. course of Jyotir Vigyan. Out of these 20 universities, 18 universities have agreed to start the course.

The subject of Vedic Mathematics has not been included in the list of subjects by UGC.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.